

PTO General Meeting January 14, 2019

Call to Order: 9:38am

Attendance: Zarine Torrey, Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari, Barb Kaufman, Laura Silberman, Paula Lynn, Amy Hendin-Lipson, Jill Dones, Carol Greig, Nancy Recknagel, Uma Lakshmanan, Sandra Schulewong, Anna Bailou, Jessica Rankin, Nancy Luckoff, P. Dielo, Paul Kolin, Denise Ullaun, Natalie Finerty, Keith Peters, Leah Abel, Janet Salle, Bettina Boch, Robyn Julius.

Principal report: Charles Rowland will fill in as interim associate. Thanking BBCC – educating on vaping. BBC brings resources to families to navigate through that. Carol came to speak. Quiet room has been established for mental health needs at school.

Committee Report:

BYA /award recipient - Mary Bogrette overview of program: theatre teacher at high school. Taking 5th hour acting class to pre-schools (Conant, Fox Hills, Lone Pine). School will see on 2/8/19. All musical numbers that were movies and musicals. Benefactor is theatre group. End of Act 1 – next Fall musical will be announced.

Paul Kolin/Denise (President BYA) – presentation of award. First time to a teacher. Creating an inclusive environment where all is challenged.

Minutes from 11/12/18: Approved: Paula Lynn. Second: Natalie Finerty

Treasurer: (Keith) student leadership will get a \$1000 line item. This will come from line item student enrichment

Grants: 11 applied, 9 have been distributed.

November bus driver and custodian appreciation was done. Thank you to the bakers

Dance is coming up. Margaret will be sending out a sign-up. Dance is February 23rd – date may change

Committee Reports (continued):

Global Education Team (Catherine D): have district wide team to say which each school will do. If trained, go to monthly GET meetings. If you want to be trained reach out to Catherine. Next high school GET meeting is 1/28 at 2:48pm at LCA 101

Sports and Clubs (Paul) – figure skating on verge of winning districts, Isabelle Goldstein – will be performing as national skater. Boys swim and dive – undefeated. Christian Roumayah – set school record for diving. Girls Hockey – contending for state title. Boy's hockey – doing good.

Gymnastics – finished 2nd in two invitational. Boys' basketball – beat WB on Friday. Cheer Squad – finished 4th in home meet. Bowling – are 1 in 3. DECA has 15 going to states. Girl's basketball team – loss at Clarkston.

Social Media (Paula) – invite all to Facebook page. Early release dates are posted (2/26, 3/12). Early release is 1:08pm. Finals week – finals are one hour for each class. School will end 10:45am. Half days end at 11am. ANP meeting at 7pm today. Next week is finals week and no school on Monday – MLK day.

Multicultural Celebration (Leah Abel) – involves all 8 schools. If interested in participating – see Leah for guidelines. Theme is Inspiring Figures. Example: Albert Einstein / Germany and came here and impacted USA. Reach Out – food donations and raffle items. Looking for \$5-\$10 gift cards from local businesses. Event is 5:30-8:30pm. Some exhibits will have food.
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BBCC (Vaping) Carol (speaker):

Focuses on prevention, health and wellness. Of all substances, alcohol is number one drug of choice (19.1%), vaping is number 2 (18.2%) then marijuana (13.1%). MIP laws have changed. If caught drinking first time on your record forever. March 28th – Youth Dialogue Day at court. Judge will talk to teens on their stories. Will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

Vaping: came out in 2007 to help adults stop smoking. Some e-cigarettes can play music and can be easily hid.

JUUL – most popular with teens. Its not just water and flavoring. There are harmful substances that also come from antifreeze, nail polish remover, formaldehyde, nicotine. There are over 7000 flavors. One pod = a pack of cigarettes.

Vaping does to your body – brain damage, stiff and narrows arteries, and aortic stiffness, DNA damage, lung damage and infectious lungs and more mucous.

In our community the use:

By 12th grade, 1 in 3 vape and 1 in 4 vape to get high. Top influences of vaping – perceived friends use, friend disapproval, perception of harm. Vapes are used everywhere – at home, in school bathroom, in class, on bus. Vapes are obtained from older sibling or friend, parent, retailers in the area or dealer. It affects 2nd hand and third hand also.

What to look for: increase of water intake, going to the bathroom a lot.

If caught vaping at school or with it on them (Ms. Lewis) they are suspended in school. Dave will check to test if there is THC in the device. Student will be referred to BYA. If a repeat offender, then it goes to juvenile courts. Kids are found in bathrooms, look for repeat offenders, some in class. About 2-3 kids are caught in the process a week.

To get help: look for an addiction therapist, reach out to BBCC for resources

Adjourned: 11:11am

Important Dates:

No school – Monday January 21st

Final Exams week: Tuesday January 22nd to Friday January 25th (half days only)

Last day of the semester/End of the semester teacher lunch – Friday January 25th

Broadway Benefit – Friday February 8th at 7:30pm BHHS Auditorium

Half Day – Monday February 11th

Next PTO meeting - Monday February 11th at 7pm

Class of 2023 Parent Orientation Night - Tuesday February 12th at 6pm (IB/DP meeting as well)

MYP Personal Project Celebration - Wednesday February 13th

The Dance – Saturday February 23rd (7pm-10pm)

Sophomore/Junior College Night – Thursday March 7th (6:30pm – 8pm)

Spring Conferences – Wednesday March 13th

Multicultural Celebration – Monday March 18th (5:30pm-8pm) at BHHS

Half Day – Friday March 29th

Spring Break – No School April 1-5